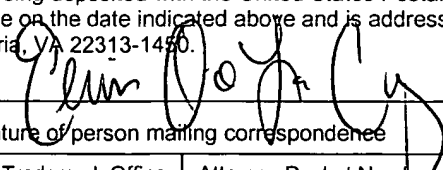
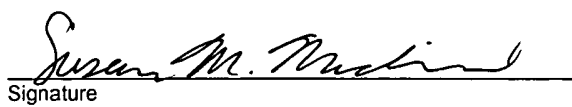


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/EP03/02538	March 12, 2003	March 12, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION:	ESTER DERIVATIVES OF HYALURONIC ACID FOR THE PREPARATION OF HYDROGEL MATERIALS BY PHOTCURING	
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US:	Davide Bellino, Anna Maria Zanellato	
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.	
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3.	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).	
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19 th month from the earliest claimed priority date.	
5.	A copy of the International Application (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> c. is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).	
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7.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)). <input type="checkbox"/> a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. have not been made and will not be made.	
8.	<input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).	
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).	
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11.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.	
12.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.	
14.	<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.	
15.	<input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.	
16.	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Deferred Examination.	
17.	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet.	
18.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:	

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